

## Senate Resolution 978

By: Senator Thomas of the 2nd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Town of Thunderbolt; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, this year, the Town of Thunderbolt is celebrating its sesquicentennial  
4 anniversary, marking 150 years of rich heritage and excellent quality of life; and

5 WHEREAS, this charming town owes its distinctive name to a legend of a lightning strike  
6 that created a freshwater spring on the Wilmington bluff; and

7 WHEREAS, the settlement first gained distinction as a shipping point for local plantation  
8 needs and was incorporated as Warsaw in 1856, subsequently evolving as a processing port  
9 for the fishing community (the town's original name of Thunderbolt was restored in 1921);  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Thunderbolt is home to Savannah State University, originally known as Georgia  
12 State College and founded in 1890 for the education of African Americans; and

13 WHEREAS, today, Thunderbolt has over 2,000 residents who are proud of their town's  
14 fascinating history and exciting potential for the future; and

15 WHEREAS, to mark this very special milestone, the Town of Thunderbolt will host a variety  
16 of festivities this year, including a dedication ceremony that will be held at the Thunderbolt  
17 Municipal Complex on March 4, 2006; and

18 WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Town of Thunderbolt has had a unique personality  
19 all of its own, and Georgia has been very blessed to have this vibrant community in its midst  
20 for 150 years.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 join in commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Town of Thunderbolt  
3 and express their very best wishes for many more years of prosperity for this beloved South  
4 Georgia community.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable Anna Maria Thomas,  
7 Mayor of the Town of Thunderbolt.